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and work tables will be at the disposal of the members, and it is hoped will be used for scientific investigation.

The officers of the Section are as follows:—

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| <i>Director,</i>                | . | . | . | . | J. Cheston Morris, M. D. |
| <i>Vice-Director,</i>           | . | . | . | . | John C. Wilson.          |
| <i>Treasurer,</i>               | . | . | . | . | Chas. P. Perot.          |
| <i>Conservator,</i>             | . | . | . | . | F. J. Keely.             |
| <i>Corresponding Secretary,</i> | . | . | . | . | John G. Rothermel.       |
| <i>Recorder,</i>                | . | . | . | . | M. V. Ball.              |

M. V. BALL,  
*Recorder.*

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#### REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The arrangement of the conchological collection remains substantially as reported last year, want of space preventing the progress of the systematic rearrangement in the exhibition cases of the families of mollusks studied and relabelled during the year, in connection with the monographic work in the Manual of Conchology. The remainder of the Tectibranch gastropods, including the *Aplysiidae*, *Pleurobranchidae* and *Umbraculidae*, and of the land mollusks a considerable part of the *Bulimulidae*, have been revised and prepared for arrangement in the cases. The genus *Cerion* has been studied by Mr. Vanatta and the Conservator, and the collection relabelled and arranged according to a complete catalogue of the species published in the Proceedings of the Academy. It is gratifying to state that out of seventy described species of *Cerion* we are in possession of all but seven, and have extensive series of most of the species.

A portion of the American Slugs have been studied, and large additions to the collection made; partial results being given in a paper published by the Academy, the greater part of this work being due to Mr. Vanatta's industry.

A considerable collection of mollusks from Uruguay and adjacent regions has been received from Dr. Wm. H. Rush, U. S. N., comprising many species new to the collection, and about twenty new to science.

A valuable collection of Alaskan mollusks, made by Dr. Benj. Sharp, has been presented to the Academy, but not yet wholly determined. The remainder of Prof. Heilprin's Bermuda collection has been placed in the cases, and with what we already had, forms

probably the most extensive series of Bermuda mollusks in any museum.

The additions to our series of American mollusks have been very numerous, the most extensive accessions being Mr. S. N. Rhoads, collection of Tennessee shells, the series collected by Mr. C. W. Johnson and the Conservator in Florida in 1894, and a collection of marine forms from Puget Sound, which we owe to the Young Naturalist's Society of Seattle, Washington ; also, a large series of the recent and post-tertiary mollusks of White Pond, New Jersey, collected by Mr. Rhoads and the Conservator. Eighty-three persons, a list of whom is given in the record of additions to the Museum, have contributed smaller numbers of mollusks to the collection.

The Conchological Section and the Academy have purchased 291 species new to the collection during the year.

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| <i>Director,</i>                | . | . | . | . | . | . | Benjamin Sharp, M. D. |
| <i>Vice-Director,</i>           | . | . | . | . | . | . | John Ford.            |
| <i>Recorder and Librarian,</i>  | . | . | . | . | . | . | Edw. J. Nolan, M. D.  |
| <i>Corresponding Secretary,</i> | . | . | . | . | . | . | Chas. W. Johnson.     |
| <i>Treasurer,</i>               | . | . | . | . | . | . | S. Raymond Roberts.   |

HENRY A. PILSBRY,  
*Conservator.*

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#### REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Section moved into the apartments provided by the Academy, which it now occupies, February 27, 1895, and immediately thereafter work was commenced on the rearrangement of the collections and library. Owing to the crowded condition of the old rooms, it was impossible to attempt any proper arrangement, but, at the present time, all our possessions are in a very satisfactory condition, and can be properly studied and used to advantage. The members of the Section now feel that they are in a position to do good work, as they have the space for growth of the collections and library, and an incentive to advance. There has, undoubtedly, been a greatly increased interest in our study among the members of the Section which is likely to continue. During the past year important additions have been made to the cabinet. Many species have been presented to the display collection representing the fauna of Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. The meetings have